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53 Arrested, Scores Injured in Sydney Violence, Arrests Mar Celebration in Australia

SYDNEY, Australia — Gay Freedom Day, June 24, was marred by violence and mass arrests by local police here. Information received by GCN indicated that some 50 people were arrested in what an observer called "the most violent police clash since the Vietnam War days."

Reports indicated that several people were severely injured during the fight which occurred in the nightclub district of Sydney. Police and angry demonstrators fought for hours in the King's Cross section following a day-long celebration of "support for the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day activities."

Largest Celebration

In an interview with *The Sentinel*, the San Francisco bi-weekly, Lee Franklin called the celebration "the largest celebration of gay pride in Australia's history." Franklin is the editor of Australia's newspaper *Campaign*.

According to Franklin, police



New South Wales Premier Neville Wran

confiscated the van carrying a public address system at a celebration in Hyde Park. The confiscation occurred early

in the evening as gays marched down Oxford street, referred to as "Gay mile."

March Surrounded

The marchers turned back and paraded to the King's Cross area, where police barricaded the streets, trapping the 2,000 marchers in a block long area. According to Franklin, police charged into the milling crowd, where they were met with flying debris.

Reports indicated that straight night-clubbers joined the gays in pelting the police and the police soon started their mass arrests. The 53 arrested were brought to Darlinghurst police station, which Franklin told *The Sentinel* was "infamous for police brutality."

A crowd of several hundred demonstrators followed those arrested to the police station and waited through the night until all those arrested had been released. Bail money for the 23 women and 30 men was raised in the crowd waiting outside the station.

Charges of Brutality

In the information received from Australia by GCN, gay organizations in Sydney charged that none of those arrested received medical care or were allowed to contact an attorney.

It was also charged that those arrested were beaten by police during the night of incarceration. Sydney's gays have called for a Royal Commission of Inquiry to investigate the mass arrests, the charges of police brutality inside the police station, and charges of police corruption in the precincts serving the King's Cross section of the city.

The Premier of New South Wales, Neville Wran, has not yet responded to the call for the probe.

The 53 arrested were charged with interfering with police, using bad language, marching without a permit, and assaulting police officers. The trial dates have been set for July, August, and September.

Despite Persistent Rumors

Embattled Mass. Justice Bonin Vows to Fight

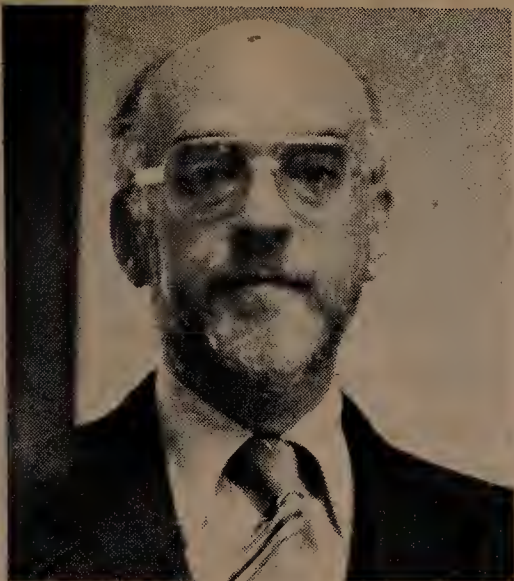
By Jim Marko

BOSTON — In a strongly worded statement late last week, suspended Superior Court Chief Justice Robert Bonin vowed to fight attempts to oust him. Following a day filled with persistent rumor that he would step down, Bonin told a news conference that he would not resign his position.

The day before his announcement to fight the impeachment attempt, the Executive Council approved Gov. Michael Dukakis' request for a special July 31 legislative session to start removal proceedings against the judge.

'I Have Done Nothing Wrong'

Bonin told a crowded news conference at the Massachusetts State House that he had "committed no impeachable offense . . . no one can prove I committed an impeachable offense."



Censured Justice Robert Bonin

Adding that he believed he "had done nothing wrong," Bonin said that

the Constitution gave him tenure "for life" and he did not expect that the legislature would be able to negate that.

Strong Words

Bonin had strong words for Executive Councillor Patrick McDonough who had said that Bonin's resignation was imminent. Earlier McDonough had offered a motion to the council that if Bonin resigned by July 31, "our vote will become moot or void."

Bonin told the news conference that McDonough's actions and statements were "patently political moves."

Bonin was formally censured by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court on July 8. The decision followed a two week trial at which Bonin was charged with misconduct in office, charges based largely on his attendance at a fundraiser for the Boston/Boise Committee, a local gay rights organization.

The Governor and the Legislature

As called by the governor, a public hearing is scheduled before the legislature's Judiciary Committee on July 25. The committee will hear the bill of address calling for Bonin's removal. Earlier in the week, Gov. Dukakis said that Bonin "can and should no longer sit as the Chief Justice of the Superior Court."

The full legislature will meet in a special session beginning July 31.

Under the court's censure order, Bonin retained his license to practice law in the state. He cannot, however, practice law while he retains his commission as judge. The Executive Council had already voted unanimously to direct the state treasurer to withhold Bonin's \$40,000 a year salary.

Lesbian Performer Denied Involvement in World Youth Festival

By Allen Young

BERKELEY, CA — Holly Near, the singer well-known for both her leftist, topical songs and her involvement in contemporary women's music, has been denied a seat on the U.S. Cultural Delegation to the World Youth Festival in Havana, Cuba.

Openly citing Near's lesbianism as a reason, the National Preparatory Committee, organizing the 270 person U.S. Festival Delegation, made its decision by a vote of 28 to 3, according to Jean Flegenheimer, one of the three persons voting in the minority. Angry and hurt, Near issued a statement assailing the Committee's anti-gay action, calling it a "set-back for unity" among people struggling against oppression. She added that the decision affirmed her belief that "patriarchal socialism is not a worthwhile goal."

Contacted in Berkeley where she is working on a new album, Near told GCN that this is "not an isolated case," since the Committee and other left groups have systematically discriminated against lesbians and gay men. She referred to "an accumulated rage that binds us together as lesbians and political women."

In her statement, Near said, "In every struggle for liberation you will find the incredibly strong, committed energy of lesbians. Often these women are forced to stay in the closet in order to do their work. Somehow it is more understandable to me when a right wing organization is heterosexual, since they are often categorically opposed to everything that is progressive and life-giving, but for groups who declare they are working for socialist revolution to be blatantly sexist and discriminatory is unacceptable to me."



Holly Near

Near also told GCN that she had, in any case, not planned to attend the Festival due to "other work commit-

ments." She said she had not even completed the second part of her application.

Flegenheimer revealed that one man on the Committee who spoke against Near's participation in the Festival said, "We don't want somebody from a minority like that." A woman reportedly said, "We don't want anyone confusing the women's movement with the lesbian movement."

Flegenheimer added that the "Festival is a good thing." She said Near's rejection was part of a larger picture of "sectarian manipulation and power plays."

The National Preparatory Committee, ostensibly a broadbased coalition, was in fact dominated this year by the Communist Party and its youth group, the Young Workers' Liberation League. Both organizations do not permit upfront gays to join.

NEWS NOTES

ELLISON CONVICTION REVERSED

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has reversed the murder conviction and life sentence of Ella Ellison. The mother of four had been in prison since 1974 for her alleged part in a Roxbury holdup in which a Boston police officer was shot to death.

The unanimous decision on July 18 said that Ellison's constitutional rights were violated by the prosecution's withholding evidence that might have cleared her.

Although reversing the conviction and sentence, the court left open the way for the prosecution to decide whether to seek a new trial.

The Ellison case moved a local group of people to form a support committee [see GCN Vol. 5, No. 33]. The group had contended that the Ellison case "reveals a pattern of systematic injustice which is faced daily by countless others whose situations have never become public."

On Thursday, July 20, Ellison walked out of Suffolk Superior Court in Boston after a bail of \$15,000 was posted by her attorneys. Ellison was allowed to go home to Rochester, NY, while she remains free on bond. In 30 days there will be a conference of attorneys and it will be decided at that time whether prosecutors will move to bring Ellison to trial again.

REV. PERRY IN BOSTON

BOSTON — The Rev. Troy Perry, the founder of the Metropolitan Community Church, will be visiting here from Aug. 11 through 13.

Rev. Perry will preach "Spiritual Renewal" at the Sunday evening service of MCC/Boston on Aug. 13. The service begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

For further information on the visit by Rev. Perry contact MCC/Boston at (617) 523-7664.

P'TOWN BAR LICENSE SUSPENDED

PROVINCETOWN, MA — The operating license of Sisters, a lesbian bar in the Town House Restaurant complex here, was suspended recently by the licensing board.

According to Russell Perry, a member of the Provincetown Board of Selectmen, the license was suspended because the owner was using the Game Room, an area designated specifically for storage space five years ago, as a bar without a license.

Jack Guetzler, manager and proprietor of the Town House, has now applied for a new license which will allow him to reopen the bar as well as operate an underground passage to an adjacent bar at 423 Commercial St. He told GCN, "I have mixed emotions about the case. I will go along with the board's decision because I don't want any problems. I hope to have the bar open in August if everything goes well."

The next hearing on the case will be July 31.

BAY VILLAGE DEMONSTRATION

BOSTON — About 20 residents of this city's Bay Village neighborhood held a demonstration on July 15 at Penny's Arcade, a new juice bar at the site of the disputed Other Side [see GCN Vol. 6, No. 1].

The demonstration was conducted early in the morning while some 60 people waited in line to enter the bar. There were no reported confrontations between the groups. Lawrence Cisco, one of the organizers of the protestors, said the demonstration was aimed at the bar which is open from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. "This is making the area a new Combat Zone," he said, "when the bars in the Combat Zone close at 2 a.m., they all move here." The Combat Zone is Boston's downtown area specifically zoned for "adult entertainment."

GAY NURSES' PRESIDENT

BOSTON — James Fleenor of Knoxville, Tenn., has been chosen the president-elect of the Gay Nurses' Alliance. Fleenor is a Registered Nurse who graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Nursing and is currently employed at a Knoxville hospital.

He has previously served as the editor of Signal, the organization's publication. Fleenor took office on July 1, succeeding retiring president John Lawrence of Boston, who held the office for two years.

The new mailing address of the Gay Nurses' Alliance is GNA/Tennessee, Box 8166, U.T. Sta., Knoxville, TN 37916.

FCC: INTERVIEW GAY LEADERS

WASHINGTON, DC — The Federal Communications Commission has agreed to propose that leaders of all significant community groups in a broadcast area, including leaders of the lesbian and gay community, must be interviewed by local broadcasters to meet their community ascertainment requirements — whether or not such groups appear on the "checklist" of groups in the Community Ascertainment Primer.

The ruling comes as a result of a petition for inclusion on the checklist from the National Gay Task Force and 143 other gay organizations. It represents a significant change from previous FCC policy, which had left ascertainment of other community leaders to the option of the individual broadcaster.

BARNEY FRANK NIGHT

BOSTON — Tickets are still available for Barney Frank Night on July 31 at 6:00 p.m. The full-course dinner will be held at The House Restaurant, 12 Wilton St., Allston, and reservations are available now at \$35 per person. For those unable to attend the dinner, there will be a reception afterward at The Delivery Entrance lounge downstairs. For further information, call (617) 783-5131 or 5701, or mail checks to The Committee to Re-elect Barney Frank, c/o Tony Bosco, P.O. Box 368, Allston, MA 02134.

BRIGGS AIDE CHARGED

LOS ANGELES — Officials here have arraigned a man charged with securing forged signatures for the State Sen. John Briggs anti-gay initiative drive (see GCN Vol. 5, No. 51).

William Crosby was charged with a violation of the State Elections Code at Municipal Court in Santa Ana. The trial is set for later this month.

Officials said that Crosby allegedly approached Claudia Long and asked her to forge signatures on petitions supporting the Briggs initiative. It is unclear whether Crosby was acting on his own volition or was under the orders of the Briggs campaign.

Sen. Briggs has charged that Crosby was a plant by the gay community to discredit his initiative drive.

GAY PRIDE IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands — The Dutch Society for the Integration of Homosexuality, COC, sponsored a mile and a half long march in this city on Saturday, June 24. The march was attended by an estimated 2000 people.

Homosexuality has been legal in Holland since 1946. COC has been active there since that time. The organization conducts public relations campaigns in schools and the media, working toward the stated goal of integrating homosexuality into Holland's society.

WALINSKY CONTINUES ACTION

WHITE PLAINS, NY — Adam Walinsky, who is suing the Gay Activists Alliance and some of its members for \$2.2 million [see GCN Vol. 6, No. 1], has asked the State Supreme Court to hold the defendants in contempt of court for continuing to harass him.

Walinsky charged that on June 21, the date a year ago of the anti-gay article he wrote in the New York Daily News, he had received a series of telephoned death threats.

The attorney said that the calls are a violation of an injunction issued against GAA. The court will hear a motion for a contempt order later this month.

THE OTHER PAPER

PROVIDENCE, RI — A new gay newspaper has begun publication here. The Other Paper published Vol. 1, Issue 1 in June of this year and is planning to be on local newsstands monthly.

In a press release announcing publication, TOP stated that it is "not to be confused with any other gay paper or newsletter; it is not political or biased in any manner."

The three-member staff, which said it is looking for more people to help with production, has promised a paper that "is very casual and dynamic." "Our purpose," the group stated, "is to pass along to you items that we think will be of interest to you in everyday life."

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the paper can pick one up at gay clubs in Providence or can send 25¢ plus 10¢ for postage, for an issue, to The Other Paper, Box 3862, No. Providence, RI 02911.

HONGISTO GOES TO NY

ALBANY, NY — Richard Hongisto, former sheriff of San Francisco and recently dismissed as police chief in Cleveland, has been appointed as New York's Commissioner of Correctional Services. Gov. Hugh Carey said Hongisto would take over the duties immediately, with or without confirmation by the New York Senate.

The appointment requires such approval but aides for the governor said the current commissioner would appoint the controversial Hongisto, long a proponent of gay rights, as his first deputy. Hongisto will then become acting commissioner at the end of this month. As acting commissioner, Hongisto could serve indefinitely.

Hongisto's stormy career in San Francisco covered not only his support for gays, but his support for sharp reductions in the penalties for marijuana possession, stricter limits on the use of guns by police and elimination of penalties for such crimes as prostitution and drunkenness.

He was dismissed from his position in Cleveland where he fought the mayor over a wide array of issues, particularly political appointments.

POLL: SUPPORT FOR ERA

NEW YORK CITY — The latest Gallup Poll shows that the public is in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. The survey found that the proposed amendment was supported by 58% of those people questioned and opposed by 31%.

The amendment was supported by 62% of the men questioned and 55% of the women interviewed. The poll also indicated that while 43% of the public favors an extension of the deadline for ratification, 40% does not.

The poll, conducted by telephone in June, found that 50% of the people interviewed had heard or read about the ERA.

GAY MEN'S WORKSHOPS

BOSTON — Due to the success of the Lesbian and Gay Pride Week's workshops, Faggots and Bodies, a collective of gay people involved with nutrition, will sponsor a weekend of workshops Aug. 10-13. The topics will include a wide variety of gay issues: androgyny, gender and drag identity and leather, denim, the body and creative physical expression, theatre, poetry and vocal expression. For further information contact Clover c/o Fag Rag, Box 331, Kenmore Sta., Boston, or call 267-1371 or 445-8551.

LAMBERT REPLACES RIBNER

BOSTON — Michael Lambert, M.D., has been appointed medical director of the Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, effective July 1. Dr. Lambert succeeds Dr. Carol Ribner, who is relocating after serving more than three years as a staff physician, and the last two as medical director.

Dr. Lambert, an internal medicine specialist, is a graduate of the University of Maryland, and the medical school of the State University of New York at Buffalo. He served his internship and residency at Worcester City Hospital.

Dr. Lambert is a resident of Cambridge.

NY BISHOP FOR GAY RIGHTS

NEW YORK CITY — The Bishop of New York, the Rt. Rev. Paul Moore, Jr., has written an open letter to Integrity, the gay Episcopal group. Bishop Moore has written about his "shock and distress" at the backlash against gay rights.

Expressing his "surprise" at the "vehemence of the backlash against" gay rights measures in a number of cities, the Bishop wrote that the actions "may well be part and parcel of a conservative swing on all fronts."

The letter said, "Standing for gay rights, as many of you know better than I, can be a perilous business. I personally believe, however, that human rights are inseparable and that standing for gay rights also is standing for the rights of every human being to equality of opportunity in all areas of life."

"I also pledge my support for the cause of gay rights, and feel honored to be a part of this struggle. The Church has a very special role in this issue, but the misunderstanding of the moral dimensions of it are intense. I believe we have the obligation to stand for gay rights as civil rights, to continue a compassionate concern for gay people and also for those who, as yet, are caught up in prejudice against gay people, and to educate one another and those outside the movement with clarity and objectivity as to the facts of the issues involved."

Homosexuals Are Not Child Molesters

LA Police Chief Corrects Misleading Statistics

By Tony Domenick

LOS ANGELES, CA — Los Angeles Police Chief, Daryl F. Gates, announced at a Police Commission hearing last week that statistics issued by certain members of the Police Department indicating that most child molesters are homosexual were “misleading” and erroneous.

Gates acknowledged that statistics issued by Sgt. Lloyd Martin of the LAPD’s Sexually Exploited Child Unit shows that 70% of the molested children in Los Angeles in 1976 were males and Martin’s statement on a television program that there were as many males molested as there were females were both incorrect.

Complaint Filed

Peter Thomas Judge, President of the local Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, had complained to the Commission that those remarks made by the police officers implied that most molesters are

homosexual.

In his complaint, Judge argued that 1976 department figures showed that 78% of children molested were female. In an earlier Commission hearing, Gates told the board he felt Martin’s figures were correct.

Gates told the Commission, “I have admonished the unit and the officer who made the statement and we don’t believe that kind of thing will happen again. I personally apologize.”

Masked Police Officer

In other action, the Commission said the Police Department is no longer attempting to find the identity of the so-called “Masked Policeman” who appeared on a KABC-TV news series and charged that misconduct, racism and the use of excessive force occurred in the department.

However, the Commission refused to disclose how much effort, time and money went into the search saying in a report that “enough time and money

had been spent and additional funds to ascertain the original cost was justified.”

Chief Gates has moved to correct the misinformation given in Sacramento before legislative committees. It has been reported that many police officers, including the “masked” one, made broad statements about child abuse referring to gays as “chicken hawks.”

Information Spread and Corrected

Lt. Don La Guardia told one group of legislators that 70% of the child molestation cases involving 30,000 youths were of homosexual origin.

March Fong Eu, State Secretary, used La Guardia’s information when she spoke before a meeting of the Parent Teachers Association last April. A woman in the audience challenged her statement and informed gay activists about it. Later Eu apologized to the gay community and began to pressure various L.A. groups.

An excerpt from Gates’ letter to the Los Angeles Police Commission and Secretary Eu stated, “Investigative experience has revealed that victimized children in these particular cases are often consenting partners in sexual activity. In some cases initiating the sexual encounter with direct propositions or seductive behavior.

“Further investigation reveals that children involved in such commercial or organized activities are usually runaways who are reasonably ‘streetwise’ and emotionally troubled youths engaging themselves for money, food and shelter or for what they might interpret as affection to relieve loneliness. . . .”

The 30,000 additional unreported cases La Guardia believed occurred in 1976 was an estimate of the total problem. This figure was reached after interviews with suspects, victims, informants and witnesses.

Canadian Conference Discusses the Fight Against Repression

By John Kyper

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia — “Building Solidarity — the Fight Against Repression” was the theme of the sixth annual conference for lesbians and gay men in Canada, held from June 28 through July 3 at Dalhousie University here. The conference was attended by more than 100 people from throughout the country, representing 30 groups. It was sponsored by the National Gay Rights Coalition and hosted by the city’s Gay Alliance for Equality.

A highlight of the week’s activities was a spirited march on Saturday, July 1, Canada’s Confederation Day, from Dalhousie to Province House in downtown Halifax. Although it was raining, 150 people participated. John Damien,

whose firing three years ago by the Ontario Racing Commission is currently being heard by the Canadian Supreme Court, addressed a rally held at the Turret, the local gay community center.

At a dance that evening, it was announced that 150 people had also demonstrated that day in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, to protest a visit there by Anita Bryant.

Simultaneous translations of conference proceedings were provided through a grant by the Secretary of State. Thirty workshops discussed such diverse topics as censorship, *les gai( s d’Acadie*, gay youth, older lesbians, and rural gays.

A workshop on Qu bec produced a resolution supporting the province’s

right to self-determination. It noted that “the Qu bec government has acknowledged homosexual oppression and protected the basic rights of its gay minority.” In December the *Parti Qu becois* government of Ren  Levesque became the first province or state in North America to legislate against anti-gay discrimination. The resolution was adopted, after much debate.

Also adopted was a resolution favoring full rights for youth. In the past year, the seizure of *The Body Politic* for publishing an article about pederasts and the activities of “Renaissance Canada” in sponsoring repeated Bryant visits to Canada have stimulated the growth of gay youth groups throughout the country. There

was an active youth caucus at the conference.

A related resolution scheduled “Days of Protest” against repression, a series of nation-wide demonstrations to occur in the fall in conjunction with the trial of *The Body Politic* in Toronto. Other resolutions dealt with the restructuring of the Coalition, and to change its name to the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Rights Coalition. Next year’s National Conference will be held in Ottawa.

Events included several dances and discos, showings of the films “Gay U.S.A.” and “Word Is Out,” a play “The Night They Raided Truxx,” and “The Bearded Lady’s Reflection,” a one-man theatre piece by Jim MacSwain.

Frequency of Intestinal Disease Found Increasing in Men

WORCESTER, MA — Medical researchers have recently published a report showing a definite link between male homosexuals and an intestinal parasite called *Giardia lamblia*, according to Lucy Candib, M.D., a lesbian physician associated with Worcester’s Family Health and Social Service Center.

Candib referred GCN to a report entitled “Giardiasis: Association with Homosexuality,” published in the June 1978 Annals of Internal Medicine, a respected medical journal published by the American College of Physicians. The article was authored by Michael J. Schmerin, Thomas C. Jones, and Harvey Klein, three New York doctors.

While giardiasis, the ailment caused by the presence of the parasite, is most often found in people who travel to

infested areas, the doctors report that the disease is reported with growing frequency by homosexual men who do not travel. The authors note that “rectal intercourse followed by oral-genital sex or oral-rectal sexual activity could provide the mode of transmission of giardiasis in the homosexual population.”

According to the article, “most patients have abdominal complaints of mild to moderate degree that include foul-smelling, loose, frequent stools associated with nausea and crampy abdominal pain. A modest weight loss is also noted, depending on the duration of symptoms.”

Dr. Candib recommends that men experiencing such symptoms have their stool examined for the presence of *Giardia lamblia*. She noted that stool specimens must be fresh and warm.

She said she did not know whether VD clinics were prepared to examine patients for giardiasis, which, like hepatitis, amoebiasis and shigellosis, is only now beginning to be classified as a venereal disease.

Problems with intestinal parasites among gay men have previously been reported in San Francisco and subsequently on the east coast.

Giardiasis is usually transmitted through contaminated water. It has been found to be a common parasitic infection of travelers. In recent years, the ailment has been epidemic among travelers to Leningrad, Soviet Union; skiers in Aspen, Colo.; and residents of Boulder, Colo.

The doctors noted that giardiasis is often asymptomatic, and they suggest that the patient’s partners, even if they have no intestinal problems, be

contacted to have their stool specimen examined, as they could transmit the disease to others without knowing that they have it. They also recommend that patients with giardiasis be screened “for other venereal diseases that have a high prevalence in the homosexual population, including syphilis, gonorrhea, amebiasis, shigellosis and hepatitis.”

The tone of the article was not anti-homosexual; the doctors merely seemed concerned with combatting venereal disease among gay men. “When isolated,” they write, “*Giardia lamblia* should be considered a pathogen and should be treated with quinacrine, 100 mg three times daily for 5 to 7 days, or metronidazole, 250 mg three times daily for 10 days. Stool examination should be obtained after completion of treatment.”

Study Shows Child’s Sexuality Not Affected by Parent’s Sexuality

NEW YORK — A report in last week’s issue of *Science News* reveals that gays and transsexuals do not necessarily affect their own children’s sexual identity.

A study of 37 children being reared by either lesbians or by parents who have changed sex shows that 36 of the youngsters are heterosexually oriented with behavioral patterns indicating attraction to the opposite sex.

Richard Green of the State University of New York at Stony Brook reports that the study does have some social significance and challenges the

basic psychoanalytic theory. He said, “Both psychoanalysis and social reinforcement or role-modeling views would predict that having a transsexual or homosexual parent would have a striking effect on a child’s sexual identity development.”

Green studied the children including 18 males and 19 females ages 3 to 20 years over a two-year period. Twenty-one were being raised by homosexual parents and 16 by transsexual parents. Several of the children of transsexuals remembered their parents in their original sexual state before the change.

The younger children were evaluated on their toy and game preferences, peer group composition, clothing preference and roles played in fantasy games. For adolescents, information was obtained on romantic crushes, erotic fantasies and sexual behavior.

With one exception, the children’s responses indicated that they were heterosexual in origin. None exhibited homosexual or transsexual fantasies. Adolescents had romantic inclinations toward the opposite sex and young children preferred to play with same-sex playmates.

Green suggests outside influences may be critical. “Children do not live in a universe composed entirely of their home environment. School, peer group members and their families and even much-maligned television programming expose the child to “conventional family styles and conventional patterns of development.”

The psychiatrist is currently studying matched control groups of heterosexual and homosexual divorced mothers and their children, which he says will give more data.

SPEAKING OUT

A Letter to President Carter

The following is the Dade County Coalition for Human Rights national letter to the President of the United States. That organization is asking gay people to read the letter, make a copy of it, sign it, and send it to President Carter, Office of the President of the United States, The White House, Washington, DC 20500. According to the Coalition the overall impact of the question it is putting to Carter "will depend upon the massive response we make nationally as a unified body of law-abiding taxpayers."

Dear President Carter:

For the past 365 days, millions of Americans have been intellectually, socially, and spiritually offended by a woman from Dade County, Florida. She has singled out an entire segment of our society to be the object of her particular religious fanaticism and has made gross, unfair, generalized accusations about millions of American homosexual men and women.

The fact is, almost all homosexuals are well adjusted sexually and socially and are no more interested in the sexual exploitation of minors than are well adjusted heterosexuals. This truth may be very difficult to uphold in light of the vicious and effective campaign of hate, fear, and prejudice which has been launched this past year by Anita Bryant and her church, with such outlandish statements as, "Homosexuals are an abomination of God!" and "Beware the homosexuals — for our children's sake!"

You may only be aware of it in your own heart, Mr. President, that you or your wife are, like millions of Americans, secretly related to a homosexual man or woman. Most certainly, you are served directly or indirectly by men and women of various lifestyle preferences who are at the same time capable, reliable, responsible, hardworking and upstanding American citizens. They are also the children, employees, employers, clients, patients, clergy and congregation in

American society: the concerned, loving and dedicated professionals who have been our teachers in the past as well as the very qualified teachers of our children today.

Homosexuals are ordinary human beings with the same basic feelings, needs and values, including love, security and accomplishment, as is characteristic of yourself and the vast majority of Americans.

America was founded upon the premise of equality, individuality and justice. It has taken years of pain, blood and tears to gain these basic human rights for many of our citizens including women, blacks, and many other minorities. Across this great land an effort has been made to bring these same rights to men and women who happen to be homosexual. We have seen human rights ordinances enacted and then watched in horror as they were withdrawn — in effect, cancelled — by pressure groups and antagonists like Anita Bryant and her anti-homosexual extremists who have used the same weapons of false information, fear, hate, hostility, intolerance and ridicule that have been used in the past against other minorities who were fighting for their human rights.

Mr. President, do you intend to tolerate these injustices against equality which are in direct opposition to the Constitutional rights of all Americans?

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COMMUNITY VOICES

no to hal

Dear GCN:

You have a correspondent in the July 8 issue who has to be talked back to. (Yes, I know I should never end a sentence with a preposition, but hark back to Winston Churchill's answer when someone accused him of doing that: "That, sir, is the kind of language up with which I will not put!")

Before answering David L. Atkinson, I want to thank you for getting your fun paper to me within about a week after I sent in my money — so unlike the McCall's-Ladies Home Journal six-week syndrome. Also a question: do you know why there are so many penpal ads from prisoners at Raiford and Union? Since I have been writing to and visiting some guys at those nearby prisons, I am curious. I have already written to two from your ads, but no answers yet.

Now to David: he wants to change the name of us from "GAY" to "HAL." How ghastly! Why can't we be just people? Why do we have to have a special name? According to a fine book by Lauritsen and Thorstad ("The Early Homosexual Rights Movement") we were called Uranians in the late 1800s and early 1900s. That is possibly a better name, if one has to have a special name, than gay and certainly better than HAL.

I feel that I have some right to speak out about this kind of nonsense, having had my first man-to-man sex when I was ten, and that was 55 years ago. So, David, come up with "person" as a name, maybe?

As Carl van Vechten always signed his letters (many of which came to me during WWII), 1006 of whatever you want to you.

NAME WITHHELD ON REQUEST
Gainesville, FL

march: yes, yes, yes

Dear GCN,

I just must answer the question you asked "Are Pride Marches Valid in 1978?" [GCN Forum, July 1, 1978.] Yes, a thousand times yes!

This year as 85,000 marched up Fifth Avenue, it was the most inspiring march I've ever been in and I missed only the third one, the year I was in Italy.

Of course, I'm sadly aware of the setbacks of the past year. But, I do want to remind all Lesbians and Gay men that it's only been nine years since the straight world has ever seen thousands of gay people. Just nine short years. In point of history, that's only a speck of time to undo thousands of years of lies, misinformation and ignorance. The process of educating a people is not accomplished in a minute. We have come a long, long way these past nine years.

Before Stonewall you never heard the word spoken. Even in the first march, the gay people were proud but also timid. This past year, the women and men stuck together instead of having separate meetings. I also noted a very large increase in Third World gays and other minority groups.

The very backlash that has hurt us so is also proof positive of the growth of all gay people. Even the Parents Group was larger.

The worst possible thing that could happen would be for gay people to flee back into the "closet," give up the fight, to go back once more to that double life so damaging and so terrible for gays for so many terrible years.

Try to remember that before the marches, no radio, no tv, no newspaper coverage! Now it's openly discussed. Sure the forces of ignorance and bigotry are mobilizing, that in itself is proof positive of the breadth and strength of the gay

movement. Try to remember, if we don't fight today there will never be a tomorrow.

My own gay son grew up in those terrible years of utter ignorance and silence and darkness. The light of truth always essentially wins out, but with no fight, no marches, back we will go into the dark ages. There and then surely the bigots will have won.

So far every year has been more inspiring than the year before. So with all my heart, I urge all gay people: Hold your heads high and march every year in ever increasing numbers!!

Sarah Montgomery
Parents of Lesbians and Gay Men
New York City

our hetero-mentality

Dear GCN:

This is in response to David Holland (GCN letters, July 8, 1978) who would like to take women to a men's bar and complains that the policy of such clubs as the Saints is discriminatory.

I sometimes feel that a greater danger than all of the homophobia which exists is the mentality of some homosexuals. It is in short a hetero-mentality. Homosexuals have a great deal of unlearning to do of heter-behavior and hetero-patterns and they will best do that in the company of their own kind. The arrival of a single woman in a group of men brings immediate changes in behavior. Language changes to speech more suitable for mixed company. Cruising becomes more restrained. Even when the situation appears not to change outwardly it changes inwardly.

Inasmuch as heterosexuality on its terms surrounds most of us every day, it is very

important that homosexuals have places where they can be themselves and be with their own kind, and that is the reason for the existence of gay clubs, not I submit to Mr. Holland to cater to male/female couples. It is important that gay clubs be just that, clubs for men or clubs for women and not mixed clubs which duplicate the hetero pattern of men and women together.

Any bar that follows the hetero pattern of admitting both men and women runs the danger of attracting so many heterosexuals that it becomes entirely hetero. Indeed this happened with one of the most famous gay clubs in Europe, the COC in Amsterdam which now has so many heterosexuals that no one bothers to go. Also the once famous Continental Baths in N.Y. which was the first and only baths to admit women found the policy a disaster and the club no longer exists.

I submit to Mr. Holland that there are hundreds of clubs for men and women and very few men's clubs and even fewer women's clubs. I myself will not go to a bar that admits women and find very few places to go even in a city the size of New York. As for his statement that the Saints policy is discriminatory, the Saints is a club for women oriented women, and if they fail to admit a woman oriented woman then and only then will they have discriminated.

There is a Chinese proverb that says the longest journey begins with the first step and the first step toward changing society is to change mentality and the unlearning of hetero-mentality and the learning of a homosexual mentality can best occur in a same sex environment, and with that process we will be taking the very first step

As always,

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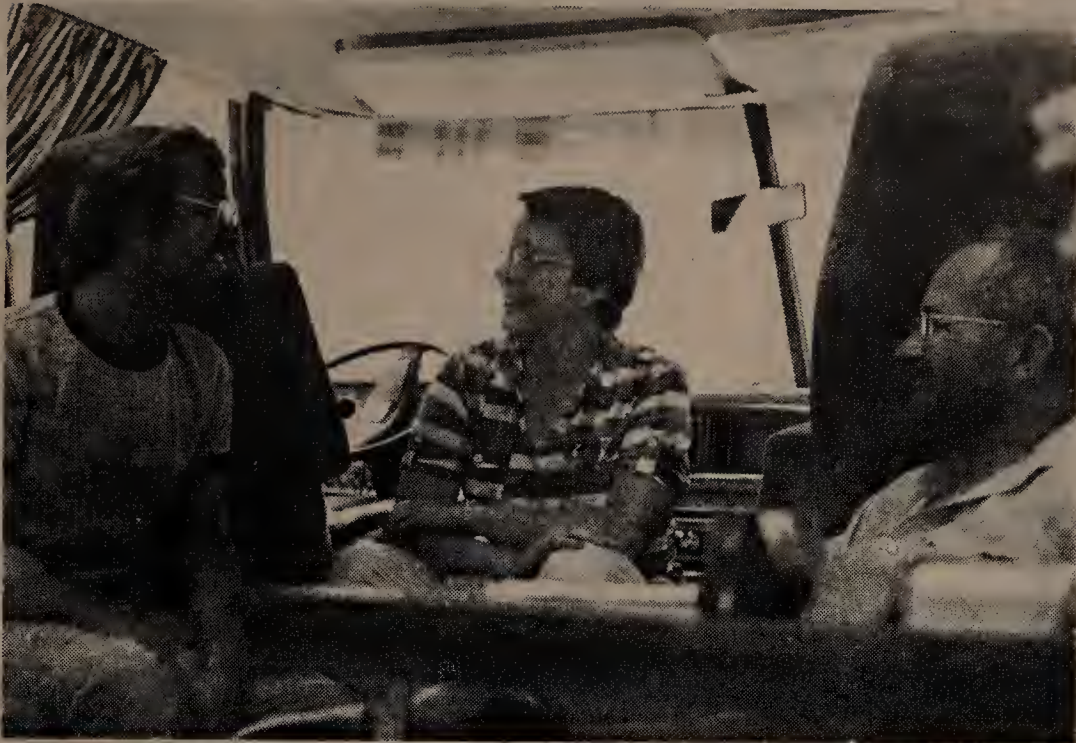
By Tom Hurley

BOSTON — It is five p.m., Saturday, July 15, and the long brown and white Argosy 28 van with "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" painted on its flanks has angled in behind the Boston Public Library on Blagden Street, across from Chaps and Styx. A blue broadside taped to the van informs passersby that the "Boston Gay Health Project announces free VD testing for the gay community by the Gay Health Collective of Boston of the Fenway Community Health Center in Bridge Over Troubled Waters' Medical Van with the help of the Mass. Dept. of Public Health, ANONYMOUS (by ID #), CONFIDENTIAL," and that the service will be available on Saturdays (July 29, Aug. 12 and 26) from five to midnight at four locations. Blagden Street is the first stop on this, the van's inaugural run.

How to Approach

Harvey Pacheco, a gay streetworker for Bridge whose job tonight is to drive the van and hustle up clients in the bars, sits next to the van wondering how to approach people at Chaps since the PA system is out of order. "I'm trying to think of a diplomatic way to phrase the announcement. It's such a taboo subject."

How should one phrase the message? What needs to be communicated is that syphilis and gonorrhea are among the most commonly contracted diseases in the gay male community (the van is currently working only with men since these diseases are virtually nonexistent among lesbians), and they are the most commonly asymptomatic.



Harvy Pacheco, Diane Johnson, Arnold Klassen (l-r) of the Gay Health Project in the van

Health workers suggest that every sexually active gay man ought to have a routine blood test for syphilis and cultures for gonorrhea every three months. Now, Boston gay health workers are bringing free tests into the heart of the community. It's a tactic to control the diseases in individuals and the community, not a moral judgment, still less a fingering of certain persons as centers for the spread of communicable diseases. But this is a very serious message, and who wants to be serious in a bar on a muggy early evening in July? So Harvey is trying to choose his words carefully.

Harvey crosses the street, enters Chaps, and circulates around the bar,

still unsure of how to approach people. Then, suddenly, he's doing it. He's talking to someone as if he'd just recognized an old friend. Then another person. "Hi! How're you doing? I'm with the Gay Health Collective in a van outside and we're giving VD tests. They're free and confidential. If you're interested, come on out." But these are strangers, not old friends. How does he choose which people to go up to? "I look for a friendly face." Harvey himself has a warm smile and a very open manner. It is hard to imagine anyone feeling uneasy with him. But people do seem uneasy with the message. Once they hear it, their faces begin to register, politely but firmly, "Oh no, not me!!" Harvey is a bit nervous. "We need a lot of publicity in the papers for this program." He continues to walk up to friendly faces.

The Program Working

The message may not be ideal bar

talk, but back outside men are stepping into the van's beige carpeted lounge, where Gay Health Collective member Arnold Klassen explains what sort of tests are given, how a client can obtain the results, what to do if the tests show you have syphilis or gonorrhea. You can either leave your name and phone and be contacted by the Health Collective in about a week, or call the Fenway Community Health Center at certain times, or, using a first name plus your zip code as an ID, look for the results in forthcoming issues of *GCN* or *Esplanade*. Confidentiality is assured; it's not even important that you give your real name, but it is important that you be tested. If the tests by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health prove positive, you can go to Fenway or one of the VD clinics in Boston for treatment.

A door separates the lounge from a small middle room where Diane Johnson is taking blood samples. "I'm here as a dyke RN," says the veteran Bridge worker. After receiving a few uneasy looks and hesitant questions from clients, Diane pins a handwritten note to her shirt which reads, "Yes, I'm a Dyke."

In the second, innermost examining room, J. B. ("JB") Molaghan, Fenway nurse and Gay Health Collective member, is swabbing oral and rectal cultures. "We don't take penile cultures unless a patient asks for one," he explains. "We've found that unless a patient has some symptoms in his penis, penile cultures almost always turn out negative." Several men are relieved to hear this.

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A Little Discouragement

The four staffers are wondering how well mobile VD testing is going over in the bars. Harvey feels a bit discouraged, but not too. "I heard lot of guys outside the van saying this is a good idea," counters Diane as she pops her head out the door between blood tests. The clients themselves look pleased as they leave the van. Jack and Charley, two Back Bay residents, have just been tested, Charley for the first time. Jack declaims in a mock is-the-camera-running?-tv-testimonial voice, "I think this is really fantastic. I think the whole gay community should take advantage of it."

As they wander back to the bar, however, almost all the men rub their arms nervously and pull off the band-aids from the blood test. No one, it seems, wants to admit where he's just been. The nurses say this is fine so long as the bleeding has stopped. "Watch one of these guy come back with a malpractice suit for hematoma," JB wisecracks. The staff understands why a pale band-aid would make a person feel conspicuous; men who are tested at the baths do the same thing. Still, Harvey says, he'd feel much better getting to know someone whose band-aid signifies that he's concerned about his health and that of the people with whom he sleeps.

It is six-thirty, time to move on to the Combat Zone bars. The staff is pleased. They've seen 12 clients already, and have been busy almost continually since they arrived. Not bad, they say, for a first run.

Raising the Topic

By seven-thirty more men are entering the van, now in a parking lot behind Harry's Place and Playland.

But both Harvey and JB return from their proselytizing in the bars with less than encouraging stories. A man in Playland has called Harvey rude and inconsiderate for raising the topic of VD with him. "Then, do you know what he said to me?" Harvey concludes, with a hint of irritation. "He said, 'I guess this ruins my chances of seducing you, doesn't it?'"

About twelve more men have been tested as the van rolls on toward Sporter's. En route JB comments that he has recognized many of the men from his work at Fenway. In other words, many of tonight's clients already have a demonstrated awareness of VD problems. Questions do arise. Exactly what effect is this outreach having? How many men are learning about VD and VD testing for the first time? How many are receiving their first tests? No answers; it's too early to tell.

The Van's Effect

By nine the van is parked on Cambridge Street, about two blocks up from Sporter's on the opposite side of the street — not the most ideal location. Harvey and Arnold go into Sporter's to make the announcement, hem and haw over who has the better speaking voice, and are relieved when one of the bartenders quickly, clearly, and wittily announces the van's location and purpose.

But the men only trickle over, and the pace of business begins to slow. Diane sits outside the van on the curb, taking a submarine sandwich break and talking about her work. "I feel like part of the team," she says when asked what it's like being the only woman on a staff serving gay males. She adds that, for her, there are areas where lesbians and gay men can work together to mutual benefit. Her smile is

as engaging as Harvey's; like everyone else on this staff she's easy to talk to. Proud of her nickname at the Bridge — "the Street Nurse" — Diane points out that the Gay Health van needs to build up the same kind of consistent staff and service that has made the Bridge important to the people it serves. Familiar faces make people feel at ease. This is an important commitment for her.

But she's unsure right now what effect the van is having. "With more education, with more exposure, will people be more open to coming to the van for treatment and also for education?" She, like her co-workers, feels very good about the response on this first night (in fact, the four are wondering how many more people they could easily accommodate). But Diane wants some time to reflect on the van's operation and to hear the observations of the other staffers.

From the van Arnold shouts to Diane, "Do you realize that we're the second people in history to do anything like this?" Diane is delighted to hear this; only Chicago has a similar program.

By the end of the van's stopover at Sporter's, twelve more people have been tested — including all the Sporter's bartenders.

The turnout at the Eagle, the van's final location, is not as good as the earlier visits. "I guess people were too smashed by the time we got there," says Arnold. But a total of forty men have been tested this evening. In about two weeks they'll read the results of their tests in the gay papers, if they haven't already called Fenway to find out. And two Saturdays from tonight the Bridge van will make its way up Blagden Street, and Arnold, Diane, Harvey, and JB will begin another Saturday evening meeting people.

ERA Ratification Extension Approved by House Judiciary

WASHINGTON, DC — The House Judiciary Committee voted on July 18 to extend the ratification deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment for 39 months. The 19 to 15 vote is viewed as a victory for proponents of the long embattled ERA.

The panel also voted down a proposal that would have allowed states to rescind approval of the amendment.

[Last week there was a debate on the ERA on the PBS-TV program "The Advocates." For a complete story on that program, see this issue of GCN.]

The resolution for extension of the ratification deadline beyond March 22, 1979 was offered by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D-NY). Holtzman had proposed a 7 year extension but the time limit was made 39 months in a compromise amendment.

The day long debate on the issue of extension was viewed by a large audience of both opponents and supporters of ERA and the deadline extension. The committee spent hours on the question of whether states had the right to withdraw their ratification.

Idaho, Kentucky, Nebraska, and Tennessee have rescinded their approval. If the Committee's action against such moves by the states is approved by the full House, those actions will be negated.

Thirty-five states have ratified the amendment. That is three states short of the 38, or three-quarters of all states, needed for the amendment to become part of the Constitution.

Supporters of the extension resolution have expressed the feeling that the Judiciary Committee resolution will pass the House.

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ERA Is Debated on Television by Schlafly and Smeal

By Cindy Stein

BOSTON — On Thursday, July 6, five hundred supporters and opponents of the Equal Rights Amendment filled Faneuil Hall to witness an extraordinary "trial." The subject of the prosecution and the defense was not an individual, but a principle: "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

This debate was part of the WGBH-TV series entitled *The Advocates* and was moderated by Marilyn Berger.

Outside Faneuil Hall, a crowd of about fifty ERA supporters for ratification, demonstrated until the audience was permitted to enter the hall. In addition, an ad hoc group of feminists, not associated with the Boston chapter of the National Organization for Women which had organized the pro-ERA demonstration, distributed leaflets attacking the president of STOP-ERA, Phyllis Schlafly, who testified for the opposition.

A lesbian demonstrating in favor of the ERA felt that its ratification would pave the way for an easier acceptance of gays in the country. She was unable to understand how Schlafly, a political spokesperson and law student, could so vehemently defend the traditional role of women when "her own life is full of contradictions." Schlafly answered the question of her own personal life by declaring, "I'm a perfect example of what women can do" without the ERA.

The trial began with an opening statement by Laurence H. Tribe, a Harvard Law School professor, who stated that ERA was needed to enforce the proposition that "all people," and

not just all men, are created equal. As attorney for the ERA, he called his first witness, Barbara Babcock, an Assistant U.S. Attorney General, who declared that ERA was needed to fill a "glaring omission" in the U.S. Constitution. She maintained that a statement of male and female equality was greatly needed and that failure to ratify ERA would be the equivalent of a message to the courts to keep "muddling through" with a patchwork of inconsistent laws.

Tribe's second witness, Eleanor Smeal, introduced as a housewife, mother and the national President of NOW, emerged as the most articulate and assertive speaker of the evening. Her testimony, which was frequently interrupted by sustained audience applause, addressed itself toward the fears that many ERA opponents have concerning the amendment's possible effects. Her major source of evidence, that opponents' fears would go unrealized was the fact that all states which have instituted state ERAs have not faced the legal questions surrounding unisex toilets and homosexual marriages. Upon cross-examination by the attorney for the opposition, Smeal was asked to speak to the opinions of two law professors who envisioned the possibility of unisex toilets, gay marriages and female combat duty. "They were wrong," Smeal confidently retorted and again cited various state ERAs and the privacy clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. "Experience is a better track record than some professors' opinion," she declared. Finally, weary of the so-called "potty issue", she exclaimed, "this is a serious issue — we're talking about jobs,

poverty and unemployment!" Her statement drew a favorable response from the audience.

The case for the opposition began with the opening remarks of Jules Gerard, a professor at Washington University Law School in St. Louis and an attorney against the ERA. Gerard stated that the proponents of the amendment were unable to point out any of their "horror stories" because there "are no examples of discrimination against women." His statement drew noises of amusement and disbelief from the audience.

The testimony from the two witnesses for the opposition, Schlafly and Senator Sam Ervin, a former legislator from North Carolina, famous for his part in the Senate Watergate inves-

tigation, dealt mostly with their views concerning the effects of ratification. Ervin's testimony was at times incomprehensible because he spoke quickly and unclearly. His main point was that he feared ERA would "convert men and women into identical legal beings." Both witnesses denied that they favored discrimination against women and Ervin specified that he was in favor of the rights of wives, mothers and widows.

The evening ended with no conclusions from the moderator or the audience. Viewers were asked to submit their "yes" or "no" votes on the question of ratification, the result of which will be broadcast on the next installment of *The Advocates*.



The lesbian contingent at the ERA March in Washington, July 9

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My Father

A Gay Man's Reflection

By Joseph Ryan

For men to deny being wounded or victimized at all by fathers, by father figures, or by male tyrants, is psychologically dangerous. . . . Coming to terms with a father's ambivalence, hostility, love, or abandonment is what sons are now doing. . . . To resolve this ancient and usually unconscious quarrel is a major task. . . .

About Men, Phyllis Chesler

Each time I've visited my parents' home in northern Wisconsin over the past few years, my father has given me a piece of his clothing, something that no longer fits his pear-shaped frame: a 1960s J. C. Penney suede jacket, a down-filled hunting vest, a plaid woolen work shirt. I've taken them each and thanked him, for they not only fit well, they're the worn, broken-in kind of clothes I've come to appreciate. More than that, they serve as a kind of mantle — something of his my father has given me, to wear and take with me. These pieces of clothing have come to represent for me the quiet understanding we now have of each other. It was not always so; there were years when we were distant, intensely disliked each other, and suspected each other's every idea and motive. During these years I asked myself if we were to end this way, a relationship dissolved over great distances of every kind: physical, emotional and psychological.

How does a gay man, over a lifetime, gauge the changing relationship with his father? How does he get under that public skin both he and his father wear, pierce that reserve, distance, "cool" which so often define the limits of a relationship between father and son? As my father enters old age, and I my late thirties, these are questions I find still pressing on my mind, ones that I want answered.

My earliest memories of my father are at play, without my mother around. We took baths together before I was of school age; two naked bodies facing each other in a small tub, we laughed and squeezed the soap bar at each other. I went to work with him in his laboratory, carefully watching the mysteries of dental construction, warmly surprised when he made me a simple gold ring with a big "J" on the front. He took all six of us kids skating at Wilson Hill Pond, leading a wicked crack-the-whip with me, the smallest, usually flying off the end!

Psychologists tell us that children at a very early age turn to their fathers for play and companionship; mothers are for feeding, care and nurturing. Talcott Parsons helps explain the different roles fathers and mothers play in traditional child-rearing practices: expressive roles for mothers, instrumental roles for fathers. Through expressive relationships, such as early feeding and caring for the child, a mother develops a primary emotional bond with her child; hers is an unconditional love focused within family life — she loves the child simply as her child. Fathers, according to Parsons, participate in this, too, but to a much lesser extent than mothers. Fathers, especially with sons, must move on to fulfilling instrumental roles: offering themselves as models of

My father and I began to misunderstand each other by some of the choices I made during my first years at school; I confused him because some of my activities fell outside of the traditional realm of male behavior. He confused me, likewise, in his inability to understand and accept my own behavior as my choice. These activities I felt I did well — none of them seemed worthy of shame — but they were not in my father's image.

I boldly embroidered red flowers on handkerchiefs while in the first grade, giving the best one to my teacher, Sister Irma-Frieda. She thanked me, understood what it meant to me, and did not question it. I sang the lead boy soprano role in an operetta in the fourth grade, coached by a nun of sunny beauty and patience, Sister Michelle. While applauded by others for such early activities in grade school, I sensed then that my father was not pleased with me, nor my successes. I was not picking up on the male roles he so desperately offered. To show his disapproval, he stood back during these years, thus skirting full participation in my upbringing.

I am not here speaking of any sublime thoughts, but of every little childhood enterprise. It was only necessary to be happy about something or other, to be filled with the thought of it, to come home and speak of it, and the answer was an ironical sigh, a shaking of the head, a tapping on the table with a finger . . .

Letter To His Father, Franz Kafka

Puberty came early for me; two years after that lead as a boy soprano, hair sprouted, my voice cracked and was never again so musically refined. My enjoyment of male friends increased greatly, not because of their stance against females — they said they "hated girls!" — but because of the

pact based on a commitment to use what they share — a penis — on (or against) bodies without penises: female bodies." As it became clear that I did not share in this "pact" against women, my father withdrew further from my upbringing and suffered a silent, ambivalent rage. In rejecting this male role/pact, I had rejected him — or at least an important part of his masculine self-image.

From the age of thirteen through seventeen, for all appearances, I lived the life of an average male teenager. Here my father's confusion was further compounded: on the surface, I began to choose some of those things which validated his male sensibilities and made him happy, while underneath my basic homosexual preference was steadily emerging.

I took an interest in the out-of-doors, especially long hikes in the woods of Wisconsin and rough-housing with the boys in high school. I tried out for, and landed, a starting position as tackle on the freshman football team — we won every game we played that season of 1955. While I didn't enjoy playing baseball that much, I was chosen as manager of the baseball team during my junior year, and they enjoyed a championship season. The team's throwing both the coach and me fully dressed into the showers after the final game symbolized for me the joy and camaraderie of males at play. I would never again feel as close to athletes and their games as I did then.

With my father, I went partridge hunting during these high school years; such times with him alone, walking through harvested, browning fields, were among the warmest ones we shared. It was while winding down out-of-the-way dirt roads, looking for birds, that he taught me how to drive a car. His was a gentle, sure instruction — one of the few things he taught me with pleasure — and I treasured the fact that he had taken the time to teach me at all.

Yet, by the end of my high school years, we were, again, an uneasy pair. I wanted to go to an out-of-town university, study liberal arts, and be active in the little theater program. He and I both knew that these were choices which did not replicate his own. I went anyway and felt free, released from family ties and duties for the first time in my young life.

These intermittent struggles between my father and myself during the years of my growing-up appear, in retrospect, to have been over who had the power and authority to shape and define my male behavior, a very important part of my self-identity. Our mutual anger and frustration were over who had the upper-hand: my father or I? I'm not sure he relished his role in trying to define my male behavior; there were times when he did strike out and shout in rage about what I was doing — what I was becoming — but many more times he quietly stepped back in frustrated silence. Had he and I been left alone to sort out our relationship, I think we would have made a better thing of it. He, like me, was caught-up in certain outside expectations; while he tried to shape and define my character, he was being directed, likewise, by the larger society as to what that shape and design should be. His dilemma, I think, and



How does a gay man gauge the changing relationship with his father? How does he get under that public skin both he and his father wear, pierce that reserve, distance, "cool" which so often define the limits of a relationship between father and son?

His dilemma, I think, and the root of his ambivalent love, was whether to listen to his own instincts and accept me as his son, or listen to the directing voice of society.

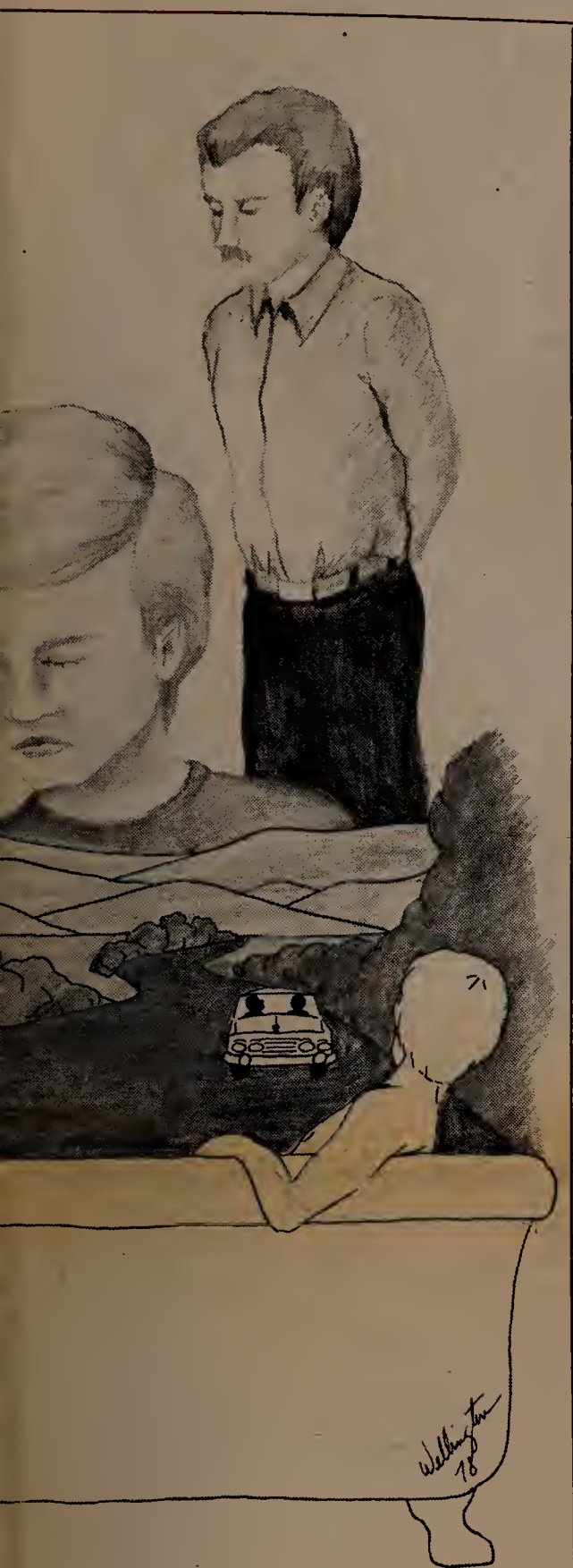
expected, adult male behavior. It is the father who introduces his son to the larger society, who feels responsible for how others in society — particularly men — perceive his son. His love is conditional, depending on how well his son performs as a man. It is here, I believe, that fathers and gay sons first begin to question one another; it is here that a traditional father's expectations and a gay son's own imperatives first clash.

pleasure we took in each other's company. While I enjoyed my boy-friends, I liked the company of females, too; from my mother and sisters, to the nuns at school and the girls in my class. I failed to realize then that, in male terms, I needed to distance myself from women so that I could later "conquer" them as objects of love. "Fathers and sons," after all, as Phyllis Chesler points out in *About Men*, are supposed to ". . . make a

the root of his ambivalent love, was whether to listen to his own instincts and accept me as his son, or listen to the directing voice of society.

Looking back at Parsons' instrumental roles for fathers, I now see their main purpose as shaping a son towards what society expects, not what a father wants. A stunning example of this need to fulfill society's expectations is the symbolic rite of male circumcision. As an American tradition, no one even thinks about it, or questions it; it is simply done. Doctors make some vague references to health benefits, but these are neither questioned nor verified. Karen Paige asks the right

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question: "For whom is the circumcision ceremony performed? Not for the child, certainly; not even for the father . . . male circumcisions are a public demonstration by fathers to older kinsmen of their loyalty to the fraternal interset group." ("The Ritual of Circumcision," *Human Nature*, May, 1978.) So, too, our fathers' attempts to define us in a particular male mode are mainly public demonstrations of their loyalty to the larger, male-dominated society. Both gay sons and fathers have suffered greatly from these attempts to externally shape and control our relationships, our very sense of our selves.

Christopher Isherwood speaks of freeing himself from such a collective voice of duty and responsibility imposed by society, one that he came to call "The Others." They were particularly insistent on defining his World War I-deceased father, Frank, as a "Hero-Father" while Christopher preferred to remember him as the personal father who "... had told stories and drawn drawings for him and taught him the magic of make-believe."

... he rejected their Hero-Father. Such a rejection leads to a much larger one. By denying your duty toward the Hero-Father, you deny the authority of the Flag, the Old School Tie, the Unknown Soldier, The Land That Bore You and the God of Battles. Christopher's realization that he had done this — and that he must tell The Others he had done it — came to him only by degrees and not until he was nearly gown up. The rejection caused him much anxiety at first and some moments of panic; later it gave him immense relief and even a little courage.

Kathleen and Frank,
Christopher Isherwood

Every gay son goes through such a casting-off, a rejection of what "The Others" have come to define as acceptable behavior for our lives. Unfortunately, because our fathers represent "The Others" within our own families, gay sons most often have to strike-out first at their fathers to accomplish this freeing of self.

From my senior year in college through two years of graduate school, my father and I had an uneasy truce — neither one of us asked much of the other. I covered myself with feigned interest in a female student — even to the point of announcing our engagement — but knew, increasingly, that my sexual preference for male partners was stronger and truer than ever. Near the end of graduate school things came to a dramatic head. I wrote my parents a long letter — a manifesto of sorts — stating that my atholicism had lapsed, my engagement had broken-off, and I was about to move to work in Washington, D.C., a location even further away from them and their influence. I was then twenty-five, claiming my own individual sense of self; a clear statement of my sexual preference was the one remaining piece I had not disclosed. Enough was implied, however unspoken, to assure them that I was to be, from then on, my own kind of man.

There have been times since then when, looking over my shoulder, I have caught my father staring at me with a mixture of wonder, wounded pride, and half-hidden approval. In freeing myself from "The Others," I think I have gained a greater individual sense of self, of personhood in life, than he has. He tried once to free himself from "The Others." I remember his story of being a boy of ten who packed a lunch of soda bread and butter, hitched-up his suspended pants, and jumped on an early morning freight-train bound for South Dakota in the spring of 1914. Soon scared of that strange land and sickened by the motion of the train, he threw-up on the tracks between the slow-moving cars, jumped off, and took the next train back. He was home before sun-up the following day, took a beating from his Dad for running away from the farm, and soon settled into a life of which "The Others"

approved.

In our freedom from traditional male roles — husband, father, family breadwinner — gay sons are continual reminders to father of their former, single selves, and of all the possibilities of what they might have become. Our freedom, in their eyes, can also make us appear to be immature, selfish and egocentric; for if they see nothing of what we choose to be, gay sons can appear to not have grown at all. Fathers view us, then, ambivalently — jealous because of our apparent freedoms, critical because of our

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apparent lack of growth in shaping lives compatible with theirs.

Such a view of our freedom is badly distorted because, to fathers, gay sons can appear to be *free from* all social responsibilities and obligations, while we know that we are simply *free to choose* our own social relationships, life work and living places. Our lives are more intensely our own because our choices are made without society's approval, guidelines, or moral references; they are, at once, more personal choices and more difficult to make. We can choose again, and yet again; we have the opportunity to undo some of the choices our fathers feel they must live with.

Henry looked at the giant step his son had taken. He admired the boy's honesty, his willingness to suffer the problems of learning a new life-style, and his courage in facing the possible consequences of his actions in a prejudiced community. But Henry also hated Roger for doing these things. He was embarrassed. He felt humiliated. As he saw it . . . he was doubly a failure as a man for not being able to face his own feelings and take the honest steps that his son had taken. He was jealous of Roger.

A Family Matter,
Charles Silverstein

In freeing our own selves, in rejecting the definitions of "The Others," in choosing our own future lives, we need not leave our fathers, or our families, behind. The more they know of our choices in life — be it our lovers, our friends, our work and place of living — the more whole and comprehensible our lives appear to them: There is no guarantee that fathers will like, or even accept, what they see of our lives. Confronting our fathers with the full meaning and implication of our lives, it seems to me, is one of the most liberating acts for both gay sons and their fathers. For only in such a total meeting of our individual selves can both son and father be free to truly know the other.

Missing this opportunity to meet openly with a father whom he loved and admired is the central theme of J. R. Acherley's moving book, *My Father and Myself*.

I began to brood over this story of my father and myself. It germinated out of a sense of failure, of personal inadequacy, of waste and loss; I saw it as a *stupid* story, shamefully stupid that two intelligent people . . . should have gone along together, perfectly friendly for so many years, without ever reaching the closeness of an intimate conversation, almost

totally ignorant of each other's hearts and minds. . . . Whether I could have achieved a nearer understanding with him must remain a question; I was only sorry, when it was too late, not to have put it more boldly to the test.

My Father and Myself,
J. R. Acherley

Time is running out on my father and myself, too, for such an intimate conversation, an opening-up of ourselves to what we mean to each other. In several small ways during our last few visits — books and ideas exchanged, a friendly beer shared — we have attempted to acknowledge the

love we feel for each other, and bury the past angers we had cast on each other. He realizes the difficulties I am going through now in career changes, offers his support and encouragement during my periods of unemployment and infrequent freelance assignments, as I attempt to get started again. We try to write letters directly to each other now, not filtered through my mother as so many of life's letters in the past have been. He writes more frequently when away on vacations, whether it be goose hunting in Canada or sitting-out the winter on the Padre Islands in the Texas gulf. Most often his letters are mainly descriptive; the weather, the hunting or fishing, the food they've had, the places they've seen. But he does close now in a more personal way, offering words of warmth and encouragement, and signs his letters, "Love You, Dad." Over the past few years, I've tried to open-up more often when I visit him back in Wisconsin. We have so little time alone with each other, so little time left, that each opportunity to talk seems very important, precious, not to be wasted. I mean to make the best of them.

David Cooper in his book, *The Death of the Family*, speaks of the importance of some kind of resolution to family ties, distances, and disputes.

... one has to reach a position of summing up on one's whole family past; achieving a summing up of all that so as to be free of it in a way that is more personally effective than a simple, aggressive rupture or crude acts of geographic separation. If one does it the former way, one may attain the rare state of actually liking and being freely fond of one's parents, instead of being engulfed in an imprisoning, ambiguous love — by which, if course, parents are victimized as much as their children.

The Death of the Family,
David Cooper

Coming to terms with our newly found selves, sharing our discoveries with our fathers — confronting their misconceptions, fears, even angers — puts gay sons in a position to squarely meet other father-figures in life: heterosexual male friends, bosses, public officials, and other straight men. We must not meet them solely on their terms, for we have our own integral terms to deal with, but meet them we must. Why not engage our fathers in open, direct dialogue, for here — between father and son — there is a basis for love, trust and possible understanding.

ODYSSEY OF A UNICORN

Humble Pie in New Hampshire

By Nancy Walker

My friends know that it is only with tremendous prodding and great trepidation that I will set foot outside of Boston's Back Bay, and then with a first-aid kit and a scout to lead me through hostile Indian territory. The city, to me, is home, polluted sanctuary from the stresses and strains of healthful country living.

Therefore it was a shock to me as well as to my lover when I accepted the invitation of a friend (whose face to face acquaintance we had not yet made) to move my urbanite *tuchus* to the uncharted wilds of New Hampshire, and spend a "restful" ten days. Rest, relaxation, a much-needed and perhaps even well-earned respite from my usual daily rounds of labor and catastrophe was what I blissfully envisioned as I rushed to catch an 8 a.m. bus to Concord, N. H. I pictured myself meditating, Buddha-like, under a tree, carefree and at ease.

Our prospective hosts had led us to believe that we would be alone in a separate apartment in the basement of their home, from which only one other house is visible amidst the flora and fauna of an untouched wilderness. We had just lived through a particularly exhausting and nerve-shattering few months, and were looking forward to this promised pastoral paradise.

You know what's coming, right? We set to Concord, and "there's no there, here." Wrong. There's a great deal here. It *is* pastoral (our friends live outside of Concord in Contoocook), and the air is terrifyingly clean and clear. It is quiet and inaccessible unless you have a car. From our friends' house the nearest food dispensary is 1.7 miles and we walked there on our first day because my lover wanted to be "independent" (this is one of her many



exotic characteristics), though we did not realize how far away the market was and were aware of imminent rain. We ended up foot-sore and weary, sitting in a gentle drizzle at the base of a Civil War memorial, erected in what would usually be called a town square, if there were a town, and counting the cars going past, during what would usually be called rush hour, if there were a rush. It was a very silly scene. We really thought we were going to "loaf and invite our souls"...but then the idyllic bubble burst.

The extraordinary women who stuck their necks out and invited us, did not intend, it developed, to leave us to our own devices, though they made it abundantly clear that they would not pressure us into doing anything we didn't want to do. The problem was that they made us *want* to do things, so what started out to be a rest, turned into a festival instead.

As my readers, friends and foes alike, must surely know, I am nothing if not prejudiced, closed-minded and absolutely certain at all times and under all circumstances, that I am right. New Hampshire, in my opinion, was a small town where nobody lived except cows and conservatives, the former having elected the governor, so you can imagine my delighted surprise when I was introduced to a number of scintillating lesbians, among them the author of a very well received novel, the chair "creature" of a university English department, several mental health professionals, a teacher of sign language and, best of all, a bevy of bridge players!

These women deluged us with sincere compliments about *GCN* which they, of course, thought was sufficiently affluent, if riches are to be inferred

from the quality of the publication, so we had to explain that the people who write for the paper are not paid, the paid staff is not paid, the bills are barely paid, and the whole operation succeeds because of the dedication of a lot of crazy, lovable people who believe communication between gays is a matter of utmost importance. They were duly impressed. Some even asked what they could do to help us. I told them.

I am reminded at this point that *GCN* has earned one more candle on its cake, and that the passage of another year gives us reason to be both joyful and reflective. This is the third birthday I have shared with the paper, and I have seen many wonderful individuals come, give of their good will, their spirit, their talent, and then go on to other stages in their lives. I want, on this occasion, to wish those people well, and to encourage others to join us in our continuing effort to keep a vital channel of communication open. The reception I got, on behalf of the paper, in New Hampshire, convinced me that *GCN* is needed, loved and appreciated. Happy Birthday to us!

Our hosts (who subscribe to *GCN*, advertise in it and promote it, with great vigor, to all and sundry) and their friends, who had been so generous in their praise, are all members of New Hampshire Lambda (see Quick Gay Guide and Calendar listings), and a few days before our arrival in their midst, they had attended a dance to which 300 lesbians had come. Obviously, NHL is an organization worthy of attention, respect and cruising. My one serious question is: where are the gay men hiding?

The women *in* New Hampshire, but not *of* it (most of the people we met

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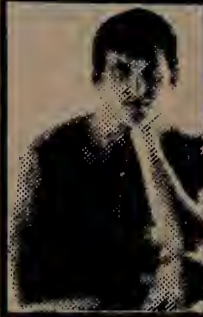
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RECORDS

Riding High with Lilith

By Lisa Nussbaum

I didn't know what to expect when I sat down to listen to Lilith's first album, *Boston Ride*. I had often heard them spoken of as a band of seven talented women, but hadn't yet seen or heard them perform.

If you pick up their album expecting to hear music laden with dynamo feminist politics, you won't be satisfied. But if you're looking to hear fine-tuned, resonant singing and

playing, then you may be quite pleased with Lilith.

Founded in 1972, Lilith boldly struggled against cries of unprofessionalism, the challenges an all-woman's band faces, skepticism and pressures to conform. Six years later the group thrives, nurtured by a faith in themselves and in their music.

With evident artistry, Lilith works with an array of musical instruments — keyboards, saxophones, percussion

instruments, guitar — as if in highly spirited and harmonious debate. From the soulfully meandering *Funky Tale*, to the upbeat *Back in Love Again*, to the rocking *Pick Up the Pieces*, the arrangements are nearly flawless.

The title cut from the album, *Boston Ride*, is an enchantingly lyrical soft rock offering with a strongly rhythmic beat. The vocals and instrumentation dovetail so beautifully that the song seems to take flight. Keyboards and saxophone sparkle on *Gold and Silver* as the melody beats out, "I haven't got the time to be handing you a line/ You can't hear the words anyway."

Rounding out the album are *Too Late*, a somewhat sparse and shadowy dictum against blind conformity; *Long Train Runnin'*, a rendition of the old

Doobie Brothers number run over with unabashed strength of delivery; and *Nomad*, an ethereal, whimsical instrumental.

Finely grafted onto the dynamic playing are the vocals, which may suffer a bit by comparison. The vocals by no means disappoint, yet one wishes that Lilith had tried as bold an experimentation and variation with their voices as they did with their instruments. Perhaps this experimentation will come later.

Take the advice on *Funky Tale* and "Let your hair down to the ground." Pick up a copy of *Boston Ride*, lay back and enjoy the record. Why not? Lilith plainly enjoys singing and playing this fine music.



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hailed originally from such far flung places as New York, Ohio and Old England), are reaching out to each other and beginning to form a genuine community. They are doers in a placid world. It seems to me that they have the combined energy, determination and talent to turn state politics upside down.

For some time now, Allen Young, known for his books and research projects in collaboration with Karla Jay, and for his courage and outspokenness (whether we agree all the time or not is irrelevant) has been advocating a new kind of coming out for gays: coming out to the country, leaving the crush and madness of highly populated cities to find a perhaps more meaningful and thoughtful, but certainly not vegetative, life in the country. What he says makes sense. The little I saw of it was enough to make me nibble ever so delicately at humble pie for having harbored such iron-clad mental distortions about New Hampshire. If you are looking for a comfortable place to go, where you can have both peace and social intercourse, I can, in all good conscience, recom-

mend New Hampshire — with one reservation — you must be prepared to deal with the state's politics, and work to change them.

As for me — I am still a city mouse, but the country no longer appears like the dead-ended, outdoor old-folks home, complete with black flies, mosquitoes and poison oak, that I thought it was. It is neither an intellectual desert, nor a political vacuum. With a full tank of gas and four-wheel drive, you can get from outpost to outpost with nary an ambush.

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BOOKS

The Seeds of Gay Drama

Homosexual Acts: A Volume of Gay Plays. Edited by Ed Berman. Inter-Action Imprint, 14 Talacre Road, London NW 5 3PE, 1975.

Reviewed by Michael Bronski

Somewhere in the first act of Robert Patrick's *The Haunted Host* a young straight man proclaims: "I think the homosexual should find his place in society." His queen host retorts: "Where? Off-Broadway?" And it is no surprise that gay playwrights and their plays have found acceptance, support, and production on the alternative rather than the established stage.

Homosexual Acts: A Volume of Gay Plays contains five short plays from the gay season at Inter-Action's Almost Free Theater in London. The Almost Free Theater, as its name suggests, is politically and socially oriented, you pay what you can afford, and its productions are geared to "lead to the action lip of 'liberation'". These plays were produced in conjunction with the AFT by a newly formed group: The Gay Sweatshop. The trials and tribulations of cheap, political, and gay theater are explicated in the book's introduction by Roger Baker of the Sweatshop and Ed Berman of Inter-Action.

Three of the five plays here are by the American playwright Robert Patrick, famous now for *Kennedy's Children*. These early plays are important not only as cogent, intelligent theater, but for being some of the first to explore gay themes, characters and sensibilities. *One Person*, a monologue reminiscent of those in *Kennedy's Children*, is a solo (or rather a duet with silences); a song of a love affair uncoiled; it lingers like a bittersweet Rodgers and Hart song.

Patrick is also represented with *Fred and Harold*, a short scene in his longer play *I Came to NY to Write*, and *The Haunted Host*, a full length two-act play, remarkable in its subtle exploration of the political underpinnings of camp without betraying its own substance.

The last two plays in the book are by Britons. *Ships* by Alan Wakeman is similar in structure to some of Patrick's plays though, unlike Patrick, he is less concerned with character than with message. The same is true of Laurence Collinson's *Thinking Straight* in which a gay writer struggles with his animus/anima in an attempt to reconcile his art with his life. Perhaps the major difference between these plays and Patrick's is that they are post-liberation plays; they have a set analysis and develop out of that. Patrick's characters are more aware of what has been and can glimpse what is possible; they struggle with their lives and try to make a coherent politic out of them.

Homosexual Acts is the first time theater pieces have been brought under the heading of "gay plays." Theater has always been an important part of any culture. These will be the seeds from which gay theater will grow, both nurturing and being nurtured by the gay community.

Trash

Haakon by C. W. Griffin. New York: T. Y. Crowell. \$9.95.

Reviewed by Robert Etherington

Seemingly endless discussion is now going on about Gay Literature—What It Is and Isn't. It certainly *isn't* the new and widely publicized novel *Haakon* by C.W. Griffin, a soap opera so badly written that it cannot possibly be called literature, but only scribbling.

The plot is that old wheeze, A Guilty Gay in Search of Himself. "Who was he now?" Griffin constantly asks about his gay protagonist, college professor Haakon Hvitfeldt. An imbecile seems to be the only reasonable answer, for Haakon has any number of strange and inaccurate notions about his homosexuality, notions with which he tortures himself and those around him.

During World War II, Haakon

meets and falls in love with Dan, a young stud; but all is not bliss, for, though Dan is willing enough, Haakon discovers that the boy is *too* young, i.e. under 21 (gasp!). The gay life is (supposedly) far too difficult for one so "immature", so Haakon sends Dan packing. "We have to stop sleeping together," Haakon intones. "It's not good for you." Dan, needless to say, isn't pleased, but Haakon remains firm in his resolve to save him from a life of sin and misery.

There are other characters Haakon encounters on the rocky road to self-discovery, or rather, self-repression. Among them are a gay photographer who melodramatically expires from rectal cancer (the ultimate atonement for buggery), and that most shameless of stereotypes, the "understanding woman," in whose arms Haakon tries

to go straight (to no avail).

In the end, Haakon is left alone, having tried both gay and straight love, botching both. Of course, what he really needs is not self-analysis but a good, swift kick.

All of this tiresome nonsense is written in a style so clumsy as to make it virtually unreadable, with awkward flashbacks; characters asking each other foolish questions like "What is truth?"; and — that hallmark of bad writing — lengthy passages of dialogue beginning with such horrendous lines as "Let me explain," or "Let me tell you," or, worse, "I don't want to tell you this, but I better."

Haakon is remorseless, relentless trash and depressing evidence that gay writing, so far as fiction is concerned, has yet to advance far beyond Fannie Hurst or Mary Roberts Rinehart.



GCN's 5th Birthday Party



Dancing at the GCN Disco

On Sunday, July 16, GCN celebrated its fifth birthday with an open house at the offices at 22 Bromfield St. in Boston. In addition to the usual birthday cake and dance music, the crowd was treated to special birthday punch, visits by GCN advertisers and other friends, and cards and telegrams from well wishers. Several founders of the paper met and discussed the early days at GCN and old staffers and new mingled and exchanged thoughts on the growth of the paper.

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Tuesday, August 8th

4:00pm—Pool Party, Cash Bar

6:00pm—Buffet

8:30pm—General Meeting & Speakers

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PEOPLE, PLACES & FLINGS

By Lee Stone

What a lovely day I spent at the **Randolph Country Club** and while I was there I not only found out about the benefit for **Barney Frank** on Aug. 5, but also heard there's a **Gay Carnival** in the works in early Sept. You don't have to have a car to get to Randolph, friends, you just take a red line train to Ashmont Station and catch the Randolph bus . . . it'll drop you off just two blocks away! So there's no reason to have those "trapped in the city blues" on *any* weekend.



Ann McGuire

Ann McGuire of **Somewhere** has offered that establishment to throw a benefit for **GCN**. The idea and offer was totally unsolicited and we cannot thank her and the other sisters involved enough. The benefit will take the form of a flea market . . . I'll report on the details in a future column.

Disco Tina's mimic rendering of **Della Reese's** hit *You've Come a Long Way from St. Louis*, wows the patrons of the new **Carnival Lounge** . . . he picked a little known piece of material and makes it vibrant. He and a host of others appear there Mondays through Saturdays.

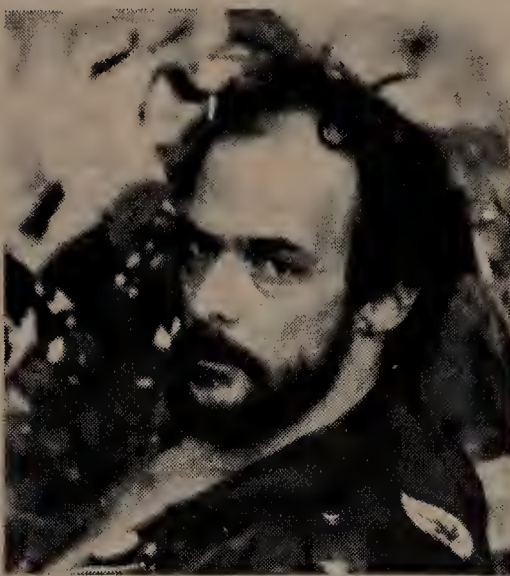
Surprises which are not firmed up enough for publication are to be expected at the **Boston Eagle**. The bar will offer a whole new concept for the leather denim scene.

Jay Foote of **The Marlbowe Show** will be musical director of the **Boston Vikings'** production of *Gypsy*. The Vikings will render the transformed version of the play on their **Leif Ericson Run** over Labor Day weekend as well as on an unspecified date for one or more local gay charities. The **Leif Ericson** is an internationally known run of 250 men who gather to party for four days. The cost of the run includes free food, accomodations (cabins, though most people bring tents), and free drink. The Vikings are known for their superb cuisine and fun events, so check for a registration blank at the **Boston Eagle** or at **Over Harry's**.

WGBH-TV is showing **Fine Tuning** on their **Turnabout** show. The topic is women and their music. Guests are members of **Mimi Farina's Bread and Roses** who perform for people in institutions. If you watch channel 2 and haven't become a subscriber do so! It has about the only fair gay news coverage in this city!

Will someone ever produce **Genet's The Maids** with an all male cast as he wished?! If you want to see a fair rendering of this searing theatrical piece, you can see the **Glenda Jackson-Susan-**

nah York movie at the **Loeb Drama Center**, July 23, and the admission is only two dollars. The show starts at 8:00 p.m., so you might want to stop



Jay Foote

by the **Paradise** first for one of their huge sixteen ounce mugs of beer!

Hold on to your ballot boxes. . . . It's an election year and it is time to get off your tushies and support candidates that support you! You can party *and* support a good cause! **Barney Frank Night at The House Restaurant** is Monday, July 31 and the cruise on the **S.S. Provincetown** for **Elaine Noble** is Tuesday, July 25. Also, **Gay Legislation** needs phone people and precinct organizers in their "Dump D.A. Byrne" efforts. Registration in gay wards such as the Fenway area, Beacon Hill and Back Bay is woefully low . . . remember, Byrne was only elected by a plurality and we can defeat him through the simplest of efforts. . . . registering and pressing a lever on primary day!

It is a shame to schedule people like **Cleo Laine** and **Charles Aznavour** for one night engagements at the **Berklee Performance Center** but so goes the scheduling. So all of you who enjoy the dulcet tones of **Cleo Laine** will have a chance to see her on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. I missed Mr. Aznavour, but will be there to see **Ms. Laine!**

Attention lesbian and gay poets! If you want to test reaction to your work at a gathering of your peers or if you've just suppressed opening your written material to verbal communication then there's a place for you to go. It's the **Hot Summer City Poetry Reading** at the **Cafe Gallery**, Dartmouth and Appleton Streets at 8 p.m. Come out of your poetic closets . . . I know how painful it can be as I wrote for many years without sharing it with others (Some still wish I hadn't.) but it is part of the gay art growth process.

The boat trip for **Clearspace** will leave from Boston and proceed to Nantasket Beach. Please call 227-4327 for further info. With the demise of the **Charles St. Meeting House**, **Clearspace** is the only gay community center in the city, so support it and have a good day at the same time.

Happy Birthday **Leonard Bernstein!**

A special thanks for all our advertisers' wishes for continued success as a newspaper. I know some of our policies are hard to fathom for those who wish to see more beefcake and less of one gender or the other's activities on our pages, but our success has been in balanced, honest reporting and non-sexist advertising. So, again my heartfelt thanks and . . . 'bye for now!

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PERSONALS

MOUSE-A-ROO
Life is often very tough
But enough, my love, is still enough.
I do love you. All my love, Porcupine.

JUDY AND LYNN
Miss you, wish we were there. Work work work. And it's hot. Would rather play games and scream at Judy. How's the wee person? Did she get my message?

20 yr old gay man in So. East NH seeks other gay people to share thoughts & ideas. Life in NH with Gov Mel can be very depressing. Write M. A. Norton, RFD 1, Amesbury, MA 01913. (3)

PORTSMOUTH, NH
Looking for an apartment in town to share with person-persons. I am stable & reliable. Drop me a note and I will call. Don Perry, POB 1394, Portsmouth, NH 03801. (9)

Submissive Boston w slender GM seeks any huge master from Providence and vicinity with phone and pad. GCN Box 919.

"KATIE"
Lost your note. Pls write again, c/o GCN w/phone number. Wd be nice to talk. Pat '72. (PK)

BARBARA G.
See you are featured speaker at GBA Bash. Stay w/us? Do get in touch. N.

SEXY CHUBBY-CHASER WANTED
for sexy GM chubette, sometimes utterly loving and adorable, sometimes mean and evil tempered. Always interesting. Wanna try?? GCN Box 918.

ARTHUR EIZE
Back in the saddle again. chasing windmills with *Man of La Mancha*. Why not tell the after midnight nuts to go to Helen Waite?

GF 62 black seeks GF for honest lasting relationship. Respectable, own home, car. No drug users, any race, any age. GCN Box 921. (3)

SNAGGLE TOOTH
How come you never give me even a teeny snarl any more? Aren't you interested in S&M since your old flame got back in town?? Call me, pls. I haven't moved or changed #'s. Rick. (2)

CONNECTICUT BIS OR GAYS
BiWM moving soon to CT sks new friends. I am well-educ prof, 29 yrs, 5'11, 180, nice bld, decent lks, clean-shaven, straight appearing. I prefer intell, prof men. Please write to POB 53, Groveland, MA 01834. Thanks. (1+)

RELOCATE TO WEST TEXAS!!
GWM 41, 5'11", 150 lbs, est bus man seeks young "compatible" male "stud" as live-in companion. Free room & board plus possible other fringe benefits. Send full resume. Those sending photo get first priority. Any pen pals write too! GCN Box 917. (6)

JEFF
Yng blond good looking Jeff who I met at MRLN Bch 1st Aug and 1st Apr I was with Paul. We're from Toronto we are coming to Bos and I want to get it on with you. Pls send phone address and photo hope you remember me—Bill. GCN Box 916 (3)

GAY HOUSEBOY-LOVER WANTED
By BiWM 26 married masc attr sinc have 3 small kids. Need help around house in return for free rooming-in with meals. Seek slim attr GWM 18-20. Live in Newport near beaches. PO Box 291, Middletown, RI 02840. (1+)

TIGHT PANTS & SENSE OF HUMOR
Looking for a man with the aesthetic o' Peter Berlin and sensibility of F. Lebowitz. I'm tall, attrac. male. 28, delighting in 20th century costumery (leotards, skin-tight jeans and white pants, bikinis, etc.). Also appreciate sardonic humor and sense of absurd. GCN Box 913. (1+)

HELPI HANDSOME YOUNG MAN
GWM 19 handsome musc athlete nds income make me serious offers. Interview? Dropped out ivy lge to write interested in all arts sports cooking. GCN Box 914. (3)

WE MAY NEED EACH OTHER?!!
20 6'1" 140 GWM is fed up with the bar scene & 1 nite stands. Live at home with Dad. Someone in similar situation ideal for relationship. Live in suburbs and have own car. Write GCN Box 912. No S&M. (1+)

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Lesblans, I am doing research on our past 50 yrs—coming out, family, work, closets—all aspects of the lesbian experience. I would like to speak or write to women who considered themselves lesbians before 1970. GCN Box 920. (7)

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GPW PARTYGOERS
Sundry and assorted articles of food, clothing and play where left at P. Bennett's house last Sunday—call her (at 259-0063) to collect. There's no room in the closet. (PB)

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Lg furn rm quiet St, busline. Share kitchen, bathrm, laundry with lesbian couple. Phone, air cond, walk to Brown R.I.S.D. Mature lesbian nonsmoker. \$130 per mo. GCN Box 911. (6-4)

SOUTH END
City Hospital area 2-3 bedroom apts, some avail July 1, ultra mod, start at 325 per mo, util not inc, ref req. Call wkdays 6-10pm, weekends anytime, 247-0570. (1)

Queensbury St. sublet, sunny 1 b rm apt sanded hardwood fls. Newly painted wheat-in kit. \$190/mo avail 9/1. Lou 367-2114 after 5:30. (1+)

Fine feminist lesbian seeks rmmt for Sept. 1st. 2 bdr-Bri/Brookline apt. Rent 140/mo inc util plus half sec close to trans call Kalki, 734-5275. (3)

\$50 REWARD
3 GM, non-smoking, seek spacious, sunny 3 br apt Harvard/Inman area. Large kitchen a plus. Unrenovated OK. 776-6377. (3)

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GM 27 needs roommate for 2 bedroom apt in S. New Hampshire. \$133/mo pool & tennis. Call Bill (603) 434-4260 after 6. (3)

F rmte wanted lrg apt Camb near MTA \$20/wk a friend needed age 29+. Call Michel only 492-7815. (3)

GM prof 35 well ed seeks other(s) mature & responsible to share their apt or find one together by Sept 1. Boston—NW. Please call 965-3998. (4)

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GWM 28 seeks person to share sm 2 br apt in Back Bay. Frpl, 12' skylight, river view, washer & dryer. Your share \$147 + util. Financial & emotional stability a must — I'm broke & flaky enuf 4 us both! Call Ron 266-6911. (1+)

SEEK ROOMMATE WITH APART
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23 sun

Bar Harbor, ME — Climb up Mt. Champlain. Meet at 10:30am at Precipice Trail parking lot. Tea and popovers afterward at Jordon Pond House at 3:30pm.

Boston — BUGGL will feature a discussion on how families deal with gayness. 7pm, 355 Boylston St.

Boston — Gay Folk Dancing. 4-6pm. Lindemann Center gym, Stanford St.

Boston — Am Tikva Beach Trip. Bring picnic food to share, swim suits, all welcome. Meet in front of Ell Building, Northeastern Univ., Huntington Ave.

Cambridge — Karen Lindsay will read "A Company of Queens." 8pm. Amaranth, 134 Hampshire St. \$2.

24 mon

Cambridge, MA — Jade & Sasparilla will appear at Jonethan Swift's. 9 & 11pm. Hvd. Sq.

Boston — Out Here: Program for Gay Youth. Tonight: Yoge & discussion of upcoming benefits. 7pm. Arlington St. Church.

25 tues

NYC — West Side Discussion Group: *How Lesbians and Gay Men Can Tear Down the Barriers Between Them*. 8:30pm. Triangle Gay Community Center, 3rd Floor, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

Cambridge — Daughters of Blitlis: Older Women's Rap. 8pm, 1151 Mass. Ave.

Washington, DC — Parents of Gays July mtg. Call (202) 486-0091.

Philadelphia — Benefit for the Gay Community Center of Philadelphia at the Post, 17th and Chancellor Sts. 9:30pm.

Baltimore — Toronto Gaydays trip planning mtg. (trip set for Aug. 24-27). Travel, accommodations, etc. will be discussed. 8pm. Gay Community Center, 2133 Maryland Ave. Info: (301) 837-3755.

26 wed

Boston — Out Here for Gay Youth, rap session: Youth Liberation/Gay Liberation. 7-9pm. 355 Boylston St.

Framingham, MA — Lambda of Middlesex. Movie night. 8pm. Call 877-8550 for info. and directions.

Kingston, MA — Second Annual Lesbian Mother's Conference. Contact Lesbian Mother's Rap Group, Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 02139.

27 thurs

Cambridge — Mental Patients Liberation Front, an organization of present and former psychiatric inmates, is having a public forum on their opposition to psychiatric "treatment." 7pm. Cambridge Public Library, 45 Pearl St., Central Sq.

Boston — Hot city summer poetry reading. Open to any lesbian or faggot poet. Cafe Gallery, Dartmouth & Appleton Sts. 8pm.

Boston — MCC Gay Deaf Club. 8pm. 131 Cambridge St.

Baltimore, MD — Forum Discussion mtg. Karen Sheaffer, member of the Dianic Coven (a lesbian witchcraft group) will talk on the subject of witchcraft and how it relates to lesbianism and homosexuality. 2133 Maryland Ave.

Boston — Mass. Gay Nurses Alliance will hold its monthly mtg. at the FCHC, 16 Haviland St. 7:30pm. Topic: "Nursing and the Law." A representative from the Mass. Caucus for Gay Legislation will speak. Info: 523-2557.

NYC — Salsa Soui Third World Women. Topic: Gay Pornography. Social night. Washington Square Methodist Church, 133 W. 4th St. Info: 799-8243.

28 fri

NYC — Baile Con Cohla! Salsa/disco en Columbia University, Earl Hall Center, 116th and Broadway. 9pm-2am. Entrance \$2.50.

29 sat

Wetfield, RI — The Best Annual Woman's Footrace, sponsored by Women's Energy. Starts at noon at Old Mountain Field. 5 mile course. \$1.50 entry fee. Info: Chris (401) 846-2029 or Diane (617) 782-7287.

Boston — Clearspace. Lobster and Beach Day for women in Kittery, Me. Call 646-8598.

Boston — Boston Gay Health Project announces free VD testing by the Gay Health Collective in Bridge Over Troubled Waters' Medical Van. Anonymous (by ID#). 5pm to midnight: 5-6:30pm, Copley Sq. (near Chaps); 7-8:30pm, Combat Zone (near Playland); 9-10:30pm, Sporters (Cambridge St.); 11-midnight, The Fenway (near Eagle). Have you had your summer checkup?

30 sun

Boston — Clearspace. Boat trip to Nantasket Beach. Open. Call 227-4327 for info.

Boston — BUUGL will continue discussion on how families deal with gayness. 7pm. 355 Boylston St.

Boston — David Socia—Photographs 1971-1978. Opening, 6-9pm. Joy of Movement Center, 393 Boylston St.

Framingham, MA — Lambda of Middlesex. Picnic at Milford Quarry. 12pm. Call 877-8550 for info.

31 mon

Washington, DC — Gay Counsel on Drinking Behavior. Lambda Rising, 2012 S St. NW. Information and referral about drinking problems. 6-8pm.

Allston — Barney Frank Night at the House Restaurant. 100% of proceeds to go to the Committee to Re-Elect Barney Frank. Dinner 6pm; cocktails 8pm. Call 783-5131 for info.

NYC — All the Queen's Women. Open softball game. 6:30pm. Kissena Park (Kissena Blvd. & South Memorial).

Baltimore — Maryland Gay Rights Coalition mtg. 8pm. 2133 Maryland Ave. (S.E. cor. of 22nd St. & Maryland Ave.)

Boston — Social evening for Gay Youth, 7-9pm. Parish Hall, Arlington St. Church

NYC — All The Queens Women Young Adults Rap, for high school juniors and seniors. \$1. 7:30pm, 23 164th St., Flushing. Info: (212) 359-9204.

1 tues

NYC — West Side Discussion Group. "Gay Marriage — Can it ever be made legal?" 8:30pm, Triangle Gay Community Center, 3rd floor, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

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2 wed

Cambridge, MA — Open House at Women's Community Health Center. Tour and introduction to the Health Center. 5:30pm. 639 Mass. Ave. Rm. 210.

Boston — Out Here for Gay Youth. Rap Session: Drugs & Alcohol. 7-9pm. 355 Boylston St.

3 thurs

Cambridge, MA — Gay Folk Dancing. 6:30-9pm at Phillips Brooks House, 3rd floor, Harvard University. Live music.

5 sat

Boston — Gay Mountain Climb up Adams, NH. Sponsored by Gay Unions. Overnight. By reservation only. welcome. Info: (603) 883-5583.

6 sun

Boston — Benefit for GCN Somewhere. Flea Market and more. Franklin St. Info: 423-7730.

8 tues

NYC — West Side Discussion Group. David Rothenberg, president of Fortune Society, will speak. 8:30 Triangle Gay Community Center, 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St.

9 wed

Framingham, MA — Lambda Middlesex organizational mtg. 8pm. 877-8550 for info.

11 fri

Ramapo, NJ — An Open Conference. Men and the Male Role. Ramapo College. Aug. 11-15. Info: (201) 273-5072.

12 sat

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13 sun

Cambridge, MA — "Straight Talk About Lesbianism," a slide show, Amaranth Hampshire St.

Hartford, CT — Dignity and Integrity celebrate together. Service at 5pm, Trinity Chapel, followed by a pot luck picnic in the garden.

Boston — Rev. Troy Perry, founder of Metropolitan Community Church, will be conducting the MCC Boston service at 131 Cambridge St. at 7:30pm

17 thurs

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